

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected.

Claims 2-19 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

II. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 2-3 and 5-19.

III. Claim Objections

Claims 2-9 were objected to as having informalities. Applicants submit that the informalities have been corrected. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims have been amended to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

V. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dooley (U.S. Patent No. 5,465,929).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

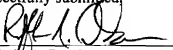
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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